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1. The AAA barracks at Szentes is on the west edge of the town, west of the Kurcza brook.
 2. It now contains a Hungarian AAA regiment with the [REDACTED] It has three sections. The 1st and 2nd sections are each armed with 18 automatic 37 mm AA guns, four heavy AA machine guns, four light machine guns, the men having the usual rifles and machine-pistols. The 3rd section is not in Szentes, but somewhere in the neighborhood; its main armament is twelve 85 mm guns, divided into three batteries. The total strength of the regiment is 1,100 men. They wear red insignia.
 3. Training is divided in two parts, theoretical and practical. Emphasis is on handling the guns. During the summer the regiment went to the AA exercise area and target range at Dicsjento. Only a guard company and a support detail remained at Szentes.
 4. The infantry barracks is near the Szentes-Szarvas road and the Szentes-Kunszentmarton railroad line.
 5. It now holds a motorized rifle regiment, with one of its battalions, an accompanying battery of four 76.2 mm guns; an AT company with six 45 mm guns and four 57 mm guns; a mortar company with twelve 50 mm mortars and six 82 mm mortars. The total strength of these troops is 900 to 950 men. The men belong to the active classes and wear green insignia.
 6. The regiment maintains an auto driver's course with 12 trucks. The quartermaster section has eight trucks, but the rest of the motor equipment will not be received until the fall of 1953. Ever since spring 1953 the regiment has been engaged in three and four day exercises, with emphasis on taking up defensive positions and erecting barbed wire entanglements. During the summer 1953 it went to Kistelek with other infantry formations.

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